

## SHOT DOWN A MAD INTRUDER.

Husband Killed a Man Who  
Had Grappled with  
His Wife.

He Was a Stranger to Them,  
They Say, and Acted as  
if Crazy.

Knocked on Their Door and When the  
Woman Opened It Seized Her  
by the Throat.

DEAD MAN'S WIFE FINDS THE BODY.

It Was That of Michael Murphy, a Laborer,  
and He Had Been Abroad All Night.  
His Slayer Was John Theurer, a  
Prosperous Wheelwright.

Michael Murphy, a laborer, forty-six  
years old, of No. 602 West Fifty-fifth  
street, was shot and instantly killed, at  
6:30 a. m. yesterday morning, while trying  
to force an entrance into the apartments  
of John Theurer, of No. 804 Eleventh  
avenue.

Theurer, who is a hard working wheel-  
wright, owns the building in which he  
lives. It is two stories in height. The

sprang at her and caught her by the  
throat.

She broke from him, screaming, and the  
cries brought to her side her sister-in-law,  
Mrs. Kate Steiger, who was clad only in  
her nightdress. The stranger at once  
turned upon Mrs. Steiger, while Mrs.  
Theurer screamed:

"Papa, papa! Come quick! Help us!"  
Theurer, who was in bed in an adjoining  
room, leaped out, and ran to the door,  
where Mrs. Steiger was struggling with the  
two women. As he rushed forward, the  
man called to him threateningly, and  
struck at him.

**His Hour Had Come.**  
Theurer at once ran back into the bed-  
room and grabbed a rusty old revolver  
that he had long had in the house, and  
which he generally kept under his pillow.  
With this in his hand, he ran out again,  
whereupon Murphy grappled with him,  
and the two men away for a few sec-  
onds back and forth.

Meanwhile, Theurer's four children, and  
the one child of Mrs. Steiger had been  
aroused by the commotion, and with fright-  
ened faces watched the struggle.

It was not of long duration, for Theurer  
managed to get the muzzle of the pistol  
squarely against the stranger's breast and  
pulled the trigger.

With a ghastly look in his eyes, Murphy  
released his hold and sank slowly down in  
a huddled, sitting posture in the corner.  
He looked up at Theurer for a moment and  
then his head fell forward on his breast.

The bullet had grazed his heart and he was  
dead.

With the revolver in his hand, Theurer  
ran out into the street and called for help.  
Policemen Cassidy and Townsend were  
near at hand and returned with him.

A hasty call was sent to Roosevelt Hos-  
pital for an ambulance, but on its arrival  
the surgeon said that the man had died al-  
most instantly.

While waiting for the patrol wagon to ar-



The Shooting  
as described by Mrs. Theurer

## WOMAN DOCTOR WAS LURED BY A THIEF.

Called from Her Bed at One  
o'Clock A. M. to Attend  
a Young Wife.

Supposed Youthful Husband Led  
Her to a Lonely Spot and  
Then Tried Robbery.

Sought to Steal Her Valuable Instru-  
ments, but She Fought and  
Bit Him.

POLICE CALL IT A NEW DODGE.

This Experience Happened to Dr. Anna B.  
Smith, of Montclair, N. J.—After  
Fighting the Robber  
She Fainted.

The police of Montclair, N. J., are look-  
ing for a bright, young thief, who, they  
think, has hit upon a method of robbery  
that bears the stamp of originality. His  
plan seems to be to call female physicians  
out of bed late at night to attend an al-  
leged wife. If he succeeds in getting the  
unsuspecting woman doctor to leave her  
home, he leads her to some secluded place  
and robs her of her instruments and other  
valuables.

## FREE SILVER, LI SAYS, WOULD HELP CHINA.

On Her Imports and Exports  
Its Adoption Here Would  
Mean a Gain.

Reduction in the Purchasing  
Power of Gold Would  
Surely Follow.

The Oriental Statesman's Interview  
with Secretary Carlisle on Finan-  
cial Questions.

ASKED ABOUT A POSSIBLE LOAN.

The Wily Viceroy Also Wanted to Know How  
Much "Commission" the Secretary  
Received and Something About  
Treasury Clerks.

Washington, Sept. 6.—Li Hung Chang  
left Washington deeply impressed with the  
belief that the United States will soon re-  
sume the free coinage of silver. The Chi-  
nese statesman talked finance and tariff  
with a prominent American personage who  
gave it as his opinion that within the next  
twelve months the full remonetization of  
silver would take place.

This information pleased Li Hung Chang,  
because he sees in the prospective advance  
in the price of silver and the co-ordinate  
reduction in the purchasing power of gold,  
a great advantage to China, which has now  
the greatest blessing of Western civiliza-  
tion, a bonded debt, interest and principal  
payable in gold.

To Li Hung Chang the free coinage of  
silver does not appear as an advance in the  
price of silver, but as a reduction in the  
price of gold. The principal money metal  
of China is silver. Silver has remained  
practically stationary in China, as measured  
by the general level of prices, while gold  
has steadily advanced for the past twenty-  
five years. Therefore any change in ratio  
between silver and gold due to the free coinage  
of the former is not expected to materially  
change the purchasing power of silver in all  
the vast internal commerce of China, amounting  
probably to more than one hundred times  
the volume of her foreign commerce. But on  
her exports of tea and silk, and her im-  
ports of cotton and European and American  
fabrics, the effect would be visible,  
marked and immediate.

E. B. Drew, of the Chinese Imperial  
Maritime Customs Service, who accom-  
panies Li Hung Chang, furnishes the Journal  
with the following summary of the effect  
on China of the fall in the price of  
silver, or, as it should be viewed from the  
Chinese standpoint, the rise in the price of  
gold.

First—No material effect on the general  
level of prices of articles produced and con-  
sumed in China is noticeable from the in-  
creased ratio between gold and silver.

Second—There is a tendency toward a gen-  
eral rise in the price of articles of Chinese  
production exported largely to gold basis  
countries.

Third—There has been a marked stimulus  
to exports from China to gold basis coun-  
tries in excess of imports from those coun-  
tries.

Fourth—There has been a notable increase  
in the trade between China and India, both  
of which are silver using countries.

"Free Banks" in China.

"China will probably never be a great  
absorber of silver, such as India has been  
and is."

from time immemorial," continued Mr.  
Drew, "on account of its peculiar banking  
system. In China banking is perfectly  
free. Any one may start a bank and issue  
notes freely and without supervision or  
restraint. The private bank notes are  
good wherever the banker's credit is good,  
and undoubtedly there is an enormous  
volume of them about, as they fill the  
place which private checks and paper  
money do in the United States.

"There are no statistics as to the num-  
ber of these banks or the amount of their  
note issue, but they serve the purpose of  
supplying an elastic and automatic cur-  
rency. The Chinese merchant has never  
clouded his mind with the Western idea  
that the exchange of one product, which  
may be tea, for silver or gold, which are  
merely other products, is anything but  
barter."

**Li Asks Carlisle About Silver.**  
To return to Li Hung Chang. When he  
interviewed Secretary Carlisle he asked  
him numerous questions, and the substance  
of these questions and Secretary Carlisle's  
replies has been obtained from a thor-  
oughly reliable informant.

"The United States is a large producer of  
silver, and, therefore, interested in having  
it bring a good price," remarked Li Hung  
Chang. "How do you expect to have it  
bring a good price if you do not coin it  
yourself?"

Secretary Carlisle thought over this for  
a moment and then replied slowly:  
"If England would agree on a basis we  
could quickly resume the coinage of silver.  
But there is a probability that there will  
soon be free coinage of silver in England  
and across the water."

"Will gold get any cheaper?" asked Li.  
"There is good ground for believing that  
it will," was Mr. Carlisle's response. "The  
cost of mining gold has decreased, and the  
production of gold has increased, and is in-  
creasing so rapidly that within a few  
years, there should be a perceptible fall in  
the price of gold, and perhaps a rise in the  
price of silver. A general rise in the price  
of products may be predicted."

You will not get any assistance from  
England in bringing about the coinage of  
silver," said Li Hung Chang. "I talked  
when in London, with officers of the Bank  
of England, and they are against it. I  
told them that China, Japan and the United  
States would have to settle the silver ques-  
tion; that England could settle it if she  
wanted to, but that England would only  
do things that were to her advantage, and  
not to the advantage of other nations, and  
that it was to England's advantage to keep  
up the price of gold."

"If China should make extensive internal  
improvements," continued Li Hung Chang,  
could it obtain a silver loan in the United  
States?"

Secretary Carlisle expressed a doubt, and  
suggested that certain European nations  
might have silver for sale.

"They have not," replied Li Hung Chang  
promptly. "China would like to borrow  
silver and give gold bonds, but in Europe  
they think silver is going to advance in  
price."

**Li Wants to Know.**  
"How much commission do you get?"  
asked Li, suddenly.

Secretary Carlisle answered patiently  
that Government officials were not allowed  
commissions.

"They are not in China, either, but they  
get them," was the sententious reply.

"Who are all those women?" asked Li  
Hung Chang, "whom I saw in your de-  
partment building?"

"Clerks," replied Secretary Carlisle.

The Oriental statesman gave the Secretary  
a prodigious dig in the ribs when this re-  
ply was translated to him, and then they  
branched off on the tariff.

**Robbed by Four Colored Men.**

Stephen John Kelly, of No. 86 Chatterbox  
street, who is employed by Babcock &  
Company, was robbed of \$16.50 at No. 1614  
Dowling street yesterday by four colored men,  
who dragged him into a dark alley, and  
helped him by Patrick H. Cambridge,  
of No. 22 Cottage place. He responded, grabbed  
the man who was holding Kelly and held him  
until Policemen Griffin arrested him. In Jef-  
ferson Market Court yesterday the man-  
sion said he was George Hyde, of No. 213 Sullivan  
street. He was held. His companions escaped  
arrest.

## THE CAUSE EXPLAINED.

Why So Many Regular Physicians  
Often Fail

TO CURE FEMALE COMPLAINTS.

Hardly One Woman in a Thousand is Candid  
Even to Her Own Family Physician—Some  
Reasons Why Mrs. Pinkham's Success is  
Greater Than a Regular Practitioner's.

A woman is sick; some disease pecu-  
lar to her sex is fast developing in her  
system. She goes to her family physi-  
cian and tells him a story, but not the  
story. She always holds something back,  
loses her head, becomes agitated, for-  
gets what she wanted to say, and finally  
conceals what she ought to have told,  
and thus completely mystifies the doctor.

Is it any wonder, therefore, that the  
doctor fails to cure the disease? Still,  
we cannot blame women, for it is very  
embarrassing to detail some of the  
symptoms of her suffering even to her  
family physician.

It was for this reason that years ago  
Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham of Lynn,  
Mass., a woman of great experience  
and observation, determined to step in  
and help her sex. Having had con-  
siderable experience in treating female  
ills with her wonderful Vegetable  
Compound, she encouraged the women  
of America to write to her for advice  
in regard to their complaints, and being  
a woman it was easy for her calling  
sisters to pour into her ears every de-  
tail of their suffering. In this way she  
was able to do for them what the  
physicians were unable to do, simply  
because she had the proper informa-  
tion to work upon, and from the little  
group of women who sought her advice  
years ago a great army of her fellow-  
beings are today constantly applying  
for advice and relief, and the fact  
that more than one hundred thousand  
of them have been successfully treated  
by Mrs. Pinkham during the last year  
is indicative of the grand results  
which are produced by her unequalled  
experience and training.

No physician in the world has  
had such a training, or has such  
an amount of information at hand  
to assist in the treatment of all  
kinds of female ills, from the simplest  
local irritation to the most complicated  
diseases of the womb. This, therefore,  
is the reason why Mrs. Pinkham in her  
laboratory at Lynn, Mass., is able to  
do more for the ailing women of  
America than the family physician  
who is in daily communication with  
his patient. Any woman, therefore,  
is responsible for her own suffering who  
will not take the trouble to write to  
Mrs. Pinkham for advice.

The testimonials which we are con-  
stantly publishing from grateful women,  
establishes beyond a doubt the power  
of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable  
Compound to conquer female dis-  
eases.

**A STANDING INVITATION.**

Women suffering from any form of  
female weakness are invited to promp-  
tly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at  
Lynn, Mass. All letters are received,  
opened, read and answered by women  
only. A woman can freely talk of her  
private illness to a woman; thus has  
been established the eternal confidence  
between Mrs. Pinkham and the women  
of America which has never been  
broken. Out of the vast volume of ex-  
perience which she has to draw from it  
is more than possible that she has  
gained the very knowledge that will  
help your case. She asks nothing in  
return except your good will, and her  
advice has relieved thousands. Surely,  
any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish  
if she does not take advantage of this  
generous offer of assistance.



The Assault  
as described by Mrs. Theurer

NO LABOR PARADE TO-DAY

But There Will Be Picnics, Reunions  
and Various Other  
Festivals.

This is Labor Day, but there will be no  
labor parade. It will, however, be replete  
with reunions, club festivals and sports.  
Members of the Central Labor Union, the  
Central Labor Federation, the Archi-  
tectural Iron Workers and other organiza-  
tions will have picnics, while ten com-  
mands of United States Regular Army and  
Navy Veterans from Philadelphia, Cen-  
tennial, Wash.; Fort Keough, Mont.; Pot-  
sville, Pa.; Wilmington, Del.; Harrisburg,  
Pa.; Newark and New York, will assemble  
in convention at No. 70 East Fourth street.  
The convention of the Brooklyn Iron  
workers to the city by Colonel William F.  
Cochran, will be held at Yonkers. Alder-  
men of Yonkers and of Mount Vernon are  
to play at Yonkers a baseball match to  
settle the question of supremacy.

Two sisters, famous at Kew-Forest, Mrs.  
Lida Drummond, in blue and red, and Miss  
Milla Tilford, in blue and white, will en-  
ter the swimming contest at Brighton.  
The course is from Brighton to the old  
Iron Pier.

**MAY RESULT IN MURDER.**

Street Fight, Which Ended in the Stabbing  
of Daniel Doody.

Half a dozen men were standing on the  
corner of Beach and Greenwich streets late  
yesterday afternoon when two of them,  
William Gerity, nineteen years of age, liv-  
ing at No. 50 Lake street, and Daniel Doody,  
twenty-three years of age, of No. 412 Green-  
wich street, got into a fight. As a result  
Doody is in a critical condition at the Hos-  
pital Street Hospital with a knife wound in  
the abdomen. Gerity is also at the hospital,  
having received numerous cuts and bruises.  
Nobody knows what started the fight, but  
the two men had been struggling for some  
time when one of the spectators yelled:

"Look out! He's got a knife!"

They then tried to separate the men, and  
in doing so kicked Gerity about the face  
and head. He finally managed to escape,  
when it was found that he had stabbed  
Doody in the abdomen. The latter was  
taken to the Hudson Street Hospital, where  
his wounds were pronounced dangerous.

Gerity was arrested shortly afterward and  
identified by Doody as the man who had  
stabbed him.

**HUNGARIAN PLAY AND DANCE.**

Local Society Celebrates the Birthday Anni-  
versary of Louis Kossuth.

The Hungarian Society and Amateur  
Theatrical Association, of this city, which  
was founded by the Magyar patriots who  
came to this country with Louis Kossuth,  
celebrated his birthday last evening at the  
Terrace Garden by giving a new Hun-  
garian farce-comedy, called "The Three  
Knights," in the Hungarian language.

This was followed by a banquet and ball.  
The societies celebrates every year the  
birthday of Kossuth, the date of his death  
and March 15, on which, in 1848, the Hun-  
garian press gained its freedom, and gave  
rise to the revolution ending in Kossuth's  
exile in 1850.

The ball which followed the play con-  
sisted largely of Hungarian dances. It  
was introduced by the Magyar patriots who  
came to this country with Louis Kossuth.  
The music for this dance was fur-  
nished by a gypsy band.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.**  
Take Lozette Mucous Quinine Tablets. All drug-  
stores refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c-  
adv.

## SCENES AND ACTORS IN AN EARLY SUNDAY MORNING TRAGEDY.

ground floor is occupied by his shop, while  
the second story is divided into three  
small flats.

Theurer's wife arose before the other mem-  
bers of the family yesterday morning, and  
while busy with her household work  
heard a heavy step in the hall. Then came  
a knock at the door. She opened it and  
saw a powerfully built man, over six feet  
in height. His clothing was disordered,  
muddy and soaked with rain.

"What do you want?" she gasped, in  
fright.

"I'll kill you!" cried the man, as he

rive the prisoner and the dead man were  
taken to the foot of the stairs. The news  
of the shooting quickly spread through the  
neighborhood and a large crowd gathered.

Men, women and children pushed and  
jostled for the greivous pleasure of look-  
ing on the slain and his slayer, and the  
police did not check them, for they hoped  
that some one would appear who could  
identify the dead man.

**Arrival of the Dead Man's Wife.**

In the crowd was a woman of forty  
years. She was poorly dressed, and her  
eyes were red with weeping and watching.  
Her husband had been absent throughout  
the night, and hearing cries of excitement  
in the street and seeing the hurrying

groups, she had left her three little chil-  
dren and, with a foreboding presentiment,  
had run to the scene of the tragedy, which  
was but a single block from her home.

The crowd fell back for her, and she did  
not pause till she stood beside the body.  
"He's Mike! It's my Mike!" she cried.  
Then kind-hearted women took her from  
the body, upon which she had thrown her-  
self, and led her gently away.

Theurer was taken to the West Port-  
seventh Street Police Station and later in  
the morning was arraigned before Magis-  
trate Flannery in Yorkville Court. The  
Judge, after a very brief examination, con-  
fined the case until this morning, and  
held Theurer without bail. The police were  
directed meanwhile to learn what they  
could of Murphy's habits and character.

Later, in Yorkville Prison, Theurer, who  
was badly frightened, told the reporter  
that he did not fire until he saw that the  
intruder had thrown his wife down the  
stairs. This, however, was denied by both  
his wife and sister-in-law, who united in  
the story as above told, and who said that  
the man had only choked them.

All three declare that they never had the  
slightest acquaintance with Murphy.

**Women Sick to Their Story.**

When seen at their home, after their re-  
turn from court, both women adhered in  
every detail to the story as first told by  
them, and Mrs. Theurer, at the request of  
the reporter, sat down and wrote the fol-  
lowing description of the tragedy for the  
Journal.

The man was drunk. He jumped at me  
and said he would kill me, and choked me.  
My husband heard me call and came to help me  
and came to help me and came to help me.

Mrs. Murphy was seen later in her dreary  
flat. She sat in dry-eyed misery, with her  
three little children weeping beside her.  
She was loyal to her dead husband, de-  
clared that he never drank and that he had  
always treated her well. He had been  
working in a slaughter house, but of late  
had not had regular employment.

He had lived in the neighborhood for  
years and was well liked. Some of his  
neighbors asserted, as did his widow, that  
he never drank, while others said that he  
was a good man who got drunk only once  
in a long while.

The police last night stated that they  
had learned nothing that would tend to ex-  
plain why Murphy went to Theurer's home.  
They said that Murphy's record has always  
been good and that they cannot find that he  
was ever arrested, even for drunkenness.

The only explanation of the tragedy is  
that Murphy was either too drunk to know  
what he was doing, or that he was tempo-  
rarily insane.

To the Editor:

The man was drunk  
he jumped at me said  
he would kill me  
and choked me my  
husband heard me call  
and came to help me  
he grabbed my husband  
and tried to kill him  
and my husband shot him

Mary Theurer

Mrs. Theurer's Account of the Tragedy and What Led to it.

To the Editor:

The man was drunk. He jumped at me, said he would kill me, and  
choked me. My husband heard me call and came to help me. He grabbed  
my husband and tried to kill him, and my husband shot him.

MARY THEURER.